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To Fr. O —, Esq;

S I R,



**A** Mr. O — is not supposed to be so very rigid a Statesman, but that he can sometimes unbend; and knows how to be merry upon a proper Occasion, as well as wise at all Times; the ensuing Epistle, I hope, will not be refused a Place in the Course of his Labours, for the Publick Good. The Supercilious and Disaffected, perhaps, may censure it as a *Breach of Gravity*; but it is a Maxim with me, That Things then go best, when those that have the Right, have also the *Laugh*, on their Side: A Felicity which I heartily wish to all his Majesty's truly loyal Subjects; and that, by the daily Increase of their Converts, they may soon find the Benefit of being acknowledged *Orthodox*; a Point of the highest Importance, and of the last Consequence to all Governments in the Universe, where Religion is professed. I am, Sir,

Your constant Reader &c.

PHILO-RUBRICUS.

A LETTER to a Friend upon Turning at the Creed, occasion'd by the reading the Second Part of ALKIBLA.

*Disce: sed ira cadat naso rugosaq; sanna,  
Dum veteres avias tibi de pulmone revellio.*

P E R S.

S I R,

**A**T your Request, I have perused the Second Part of the *Disquisition upon worshipping towards the East*; and indeed whoever reads three Pages in it, must be a Person of very little Curiosity, if he does not read it out. I own, it was Matter of Surprise to me to find myself, upon a Subject in all Appearance jejune and barren, so agreeably entertained with a Variety of curious and useful Learning; nor does it want any Advantage it could receive from a polite and instructive Turn of Wit, nor every Day to be met with in modern Controversy.

The Author certainly writes on the Side of the Constitution; but what most pleases me, is to see the grand Paradox so fairly cleared at last, That the *Wig Churchmen* are the *best Churchmen*, and the only *true Sons* of the Church of England; and those who have so long usurped that glorious Title, and insulted their Neighbours who had a better Right to it, may now perceive how much they have been mistaken; by the Help of this Mirror: they may behold their own *Nonconformity*, and blush to find themselves *Fanatics*. Henceforth then let not the *Noncons* within the Church judge those that are without: Let not the *Tory*, for instance, censure the *Perverse* of the *Presbyterian*, or the *Obstinacy* of the *Quaker*, that they are bigotted to their own respective Teachers; that they will read nothing that makes against them; that they will not bear Reason, but are deaf to the Voice of the Charmer, charm he never so wisely. Let the Truth for once be owned, that the unhappy Prejudice of Education, or some wrong Bias in human Nature, works but too uniformly in Sells of all Persuasions, suffers them rarely to depart from Practices they have once contended for, or to be convinced by those that oppose them.

The Mention of Education puts me in mind of our two famous Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, those two great Seminaries of *Nonconformity* in the Way before us. Look into any of their College-Chapels, rarely shall you find a single Member, Senior, or Freshman, but has his Head turn'd at the very Mention of *Belief in God*; a sort of general *Vertigo* seizes the whole Assembly from Sixty to Sixteen; nor is there scarce One in an Hundred, when he quits the University, has Thought or Courage enough to leave this *whirling*

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Air where he found it; but commences a *Pop* for Life, and cannot help shewing the *senseless Trick* he has got in all publick Places of Devotion. A certain Cambridge Doctor was used to term it the *CHURCH GID*; for which, though a Physician of great Experience, he affirm'd there was no Cure but that for the *SIMPLES*.

Even those of our rural Rectors, who seem miraculously to have escaped the Infection at College, no sooner get into a Cathedral, but they too can dispense with the *Act of Uniformity*, and readily become as bold in their Transgression, as if the Place were *licensed*; or, what such Places were too long of old, a *Sanctuary against Law*.

Nor to dissemble mine own Infirmary; I can scarce contain, when I behold the venerable Ranks of the *Installed*, as oft as they should profess their Faith in *Christ*, fall into a Posture of *Leap-Frog*; and am perfectly surprized they do not perceive the *gross Indecency* of turning their But Ends at Confession. The *Turn*, I grant, were not improper, did they mean to confess backwards; which puts me in mind of what the ingenious Remarker upon *Free-Thinking* (from very great Authorities) shews us of the old Egyptian *Sages*, viz. that they did actually adore *Crepitum Ventris*; the Ceremony of which Piece of Devotion, we may easily conceive, must have had much of a Cathedral Air (as I conjecture) to their great God *ΩΝΙΩΝ*. But this Conjecture of mine, though I might justly value myself upon it, as having therein restor'd the true Notion of a Point of so great Antiquity, I must beg you to keep as a Secret; because, should our nicer Dignitaries once get scent of it, they would be apt, I fear, to toss up their Noses; and I, perhaps, instead of the publick Thanks, Applause and Addresses I deserve, may possibly incur the Censure of being *ludicrous*, if not *profane*.

But be that as it will; as there is not one amongst them who has a more sincere Veneration for rational Religion in general, and the Church of England as by Law established in particular, than myself, so will it be ever my Opinion, that *Superstition*, like *Woodcocks*, ought to be *Free Game*; nor since *De Hæretico comburendo* has made its Exit, (which should have been by the Hands of the Common Hangman) do I know of any *Act of Parliament* that is in Force for its better Preservation: Add, to borrow a Thought of the *grave Cato*, I cannot but admire how the *Prædicts* themselves of these *putid Formalities* can keep Countenance when they look one upon another.

If again, *Seriousness* is all they want, I am ready to be as *serious* as their Hearts hold with, and perhaps more so. The *Laws of England* make no Distinction of Persons or Places in the Case now under our Consideration. There is one Rule for the Cathedral and the Parish-Church; for the Bishop and the Curate: This Rule is the Rubric of our Common-Prayer Book. Whoever is short of that, comes not up to the Standard of the Church; whoever goes beyond it, be He *Presbyter*, or be He *Prelate*, is, literally and truly speaking, a *transgressor*, *Anglicè*, a *TRANS-GRESSOR*. The Rule of our Church is a plain and easy Rule; he that runs may read it. What then have our People to do with pretended *Rationalists*, the *SPARROWS*, the *BISSES*, the *WHEATLEYS*, who have all, more or less, sophistified our Service? Let the People, I say, keep to the Rubric: turn when that bids them turn, and bow when that bids them too; whatever is more than this cometh of Evil; and no Good will come on't. What a Shame and a Scandal is it to the best constituted Church in the World, that *Party Distinction* should prevail in its Publick Devotion! But our Author has sufficiently shewn the Consequences; and those who will now run into the *Snare* must do it with their Eyes open. I shall only add, what a certain Archbishop was pleas'd to say of two certain Churches, that "it was no difficult Matter to make them one, if a *wise Man* had the Management." This *wise Man* was He; and what was his Management? Why truly, in the first place, to reduce the Ceremonies

in one Communion to the Form of the other. And indeed it has been the professed Judgment of a very political Society, that the only way to lead us back to *Rome* is by the common Road of *Ceremonies*: Make these once familiar and habitual to the People, and all the Bugbears in *Belief* will vanish. What strikes the Senses may stirle their Understanding, but the Bulk of them will little trouble their Heads about *Faith*, when they agree in Form; and the same Rites may, by Degrees, insensibly produce the same *Doctrines*.

This Point well considered, it seems much to be wish'd, that our good Lords the Bishops, who cannot but be sensible, that the great and standing Danger of our Church and Nation is from *Popery*, would not only set themselves an exemplary Pattern of the most exact Conformity in their Cathedrals, but also take due Care that the inferior Clergy throughout their respective Dioceses did conform: At least, that they should not dare, under the Umbrage of their venerable Names, openly to oppose the Principles of the Reformation; nor be suffer'd in the most glaring Manner, to impugn the Articles of their own Church with Impunity.

I shall not presume to prescribe to their Lordships, what Method may be best in order to so good an End: whether by *Triennial Charges*, *Anniversary Pastoral Letters*, frequent Preaching, or friendly Conversation; or, whether, in Case these fail, something might not be done by way of *Visitation Articles*; of which our Author has shewn that ever to be honoured Father of the Church Archbishop Cranmer has left them a Precedent in the Form following; "Finally, to use no other Ceremonies than are appointed in the King's Book of Common-Prayer, or *Kneeling*, otherwise than in the said Book." Which last Clause may, with little Variation, be appropriated to our present purpose, as thus, "On Turning or Bowing otherwise than is in the said Book." I add *Bowing*, because many plead Canon for it; but it is a very great, however common, Mistake, to suppose that any Ceremony is now in Force by virtue of our Canons, the last *Act of Uniformity* having reduced all to our Rubrics.

There is one Mistake also which our Author himself, as well as others before him, seems to have fallen into. The Point he contends for is indeed plain beyond all Dispute from the whole Tenour of the *Act* above mentioned; (wherein the Book of Common Prayer is expressly refer'd to as THE RULE to which every Person within this Realm is to conform in Publick Worship;) but the Clause which our Author, p. 83, cites as a general Decision, will be found, upon a closer Inspection, to bear a special Reference to Colleges; viz. to those of Westminster, Winchester, Eaton, and of both our Universities. By which it appears, how much our Legislature at that time thought it concerned them to have a *strict Eye* over the great Places of our publick Education; that so those who are designed to be Guides to others, might not set out wrong themselves. Nay, even the Convocation itself in 1603 seems to have thought it the most prudent and safe Course to tie up our Universities, in the strongest Terms, to a *Prescript Form of Divine Service*: As if a College were no more to be trusted in Matters of Religion than a *Conventicle*, and that it ought not to be left to the Discretion of those learned Bodies to serve God in their own way; as may appear by the 16th Canon; which being short

\* The reason why I mention *Popery*, is, because I know that the Papists are, by various Methods, making Converts all over the Kingdom: That Religion (pardon me, when I call the worst Superstition that ever infected Mankind by that venerable Name) makes great Progress, not only among the *Vulgar*, but Persons of *Distinction*; and yet the Clergy taking no Care to preserve their Flocks from being devoured by a Set of Men, who teach *Doctrines* which leap the Bounds of all Humanity, and which are built upon the Ruin of all our Liberties, are employing their Pens against *Protestants* and other *harmless* Set of as good Protestants, and as good Subjects as any in the Kingdom.



and sweet, I shall recite: "In the whole Divine Service, and Administration of the Holy Communion, in all Colleges and Halls in both Universities, the Order, Form and Ceremonies shall be duly observed, as they are set down and prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer, without any Omission or Alteration."

In the Case of Colleges and Cathedrals, I have been the more particular, because our Author, asking his Pardon, seems to have been too tender of them. A thorough Surgeon would have gone to the Bottom of the Sores, though he had made his Patient roar again. And there is little room to doubt but that were this trifling Spirit of Superstition and Fanaticism once cast out of its Nurseries and Strongholds, by that time one Generation of Old Women is passed away, we should see no more of it in any Part of the Kingdom. How far our Author's Performance may conduce towards this, Time will best inform us. I could heartily wish there were one of them chained down in the common Room of every College: Nor would I have our Chapter-houses left without a Witness. I have not indeed generally observed, that Teachers are the most apt of all others to receive Instruction. But I take the Point in Hand to be so clear, that I shall venture to affirm there is not one more so in all the LONDON CASES: And tho' I will not say as was said of some others, "if they do not now conform, they will be damned;" yet I should be exceeding sorry, since this friendly Light is held forth to them, to find them still contumaciously persisting in the dark and dismal State of Nonconformity. How much rather were it to be wished, they would seriously consider what their good Godfather King Charles II. promised for them, in his solemn Declaration October 5, 1660, "If any Ceremonies are practised contrary to Law, the same shall cease."

Inner-Temple,  
Sept. 23, 1731.

I am, SIR,  
Your most obedient, &c.

#### FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Stockholm, November 17.

HIS Swedish Majesty, with Prince Maximilian of Hesse, arrived the 12th Instant at Carlsberg, about two in the Afternoon; the Queen, by a violent Cold, being prevented meeting the King there, Count Horn went with her Majesty's Compliments, which the King returned in Person, tho' incognito, and said that Night in Town; the next Morning early his Majesty went back to Carlberg, where he received the Compliments of the Senate, Colleges and Nobility, and preceded by them all in their Ranks, made his publick Entry here from thence, attended by a Number of the Burgers formed into Troops of Horse, the Streets being lined all along by the Militia and Guards. A Temple of Fame was erected in the Court of the Palace, under which the Queen, attended by all the Ladies of the Court, received his Majesty. A Concert of Musick was performed whilst the Troops were marching to the different Market Places, where they made several Volleys of Small Arms, and the Artillery from the several Batteries made 1600 Discharges. In the Afternoon the Foreign Ministers were admitted to make their Compliments to their Swedish Majesties, and the next Day to Prince Maximilian. The same Evening the whole Town was illuminated. On Monday there was a Ball at Court, which began at Eight, and lasted till Two in the Morning, at which their Majesties danced.

Madrid, Nov. 27. The Count de Montijo, whom the King has nominated his Ambassador Extraordinary to the King of Great Britain, is making magnificent Equipages and very rich Liveries; and it is thought he will set out for London about the Beginning of the New Year. We have received Advice from Gibraltar, that Sir Charles Wager was returned thither from Leghorn, with the English Squadron under his Command; and that after he had taken in some Refreshments, he sailed again the 17th Instant, for Portsmouth.

Paris, Dec. 15. By Letters from Leghorn we are advised, that the Spanish Squadron was sailed for their own Coasts; but that the Day after their Departure, they met with a violent Storm, which obliged them to retire into Port. The Admiral's Ship was forced to cut down all her Masts before she came in, for fear of driving upon the Rocks;

and was to be towed to Lo Specie, to be new-rigged and refitted; and then the said Squadron was to sail again.

A fine Sword was lately made by the King's Order, with a Gold Hilt set with Diamonds, valued at 120,000 Livres; which Sword was delivered to the Great Prior of France, with Orders to present it to the Infante Don Carlos in his Majesty's Name, at the same time that he makes him his Compliments. Advice is brought, that that Prince entered Provence the 5th Instant; and that he purposed to visit the Ports of Toulon and Marseilles before he went forward to Anibes.

The Prince of Conti's Marriage with Mademoiselle de Chartres is to be celebrated next Carnival.

On the 5th Instant, the King's 100 Swiflers met at the House of the Marquis de Courtenvaux, their Captain, from whence they marched with Drums beating and Colours flying, till they came near the Avenues of Versailles, where, after they had holden a Council of War, they hang'd one of their Comrades in Effigie, for coming behind a Soldier in the Swiss Guards against whom he had an old Grudge, and killing him, and then making his Escape.

It is written from Compeigne, that they reckon to finish, against the King's Arrival next Spring, the fine Stone Bridge that has been building these two Years.

On the 10th Instant, a Person that lived in Rue Dauphin, and sold Contraband Goods, seeing out of his Window the Commissaries and Archers coming to his Lodgings, he took a Razor and cut his own Throat.

Edinburgh, Nov. 29. We had here last Week a pretty comical Marriage-Adventure. One William Crawford, Janitor of the High School, (who is generally esteemed an honest good Man, but somewhat advanced in Years, and has been for some time a Widower) having been thrice proclaim'd in the Karks, in order to his Marriage with a young Woman of this Place, went accordingly on the Day appointed to Church, with his Friends, where he stood some Hours expecting his Bride; but at last had the Mortification to receive from her a Messenger, with a Ticket much in these Terms: "William, You must know that I am pre-engaged: I am so I never yet could like a burnt Candle. I have now by the Hand my fondly mensural Strapper, with whom I intend to pass my youthful Days. You know Old Age and Youth cannot agree together. I must then be excused when I tell you, That I am not your humble Servant." The honest Man was not much affected at this Disappointment; probably, by this her Conduct, he thought it none: But addressing himself to his Friends, said, Come, let us at least keep the Feast on the Feast Day; Dinner will be now ready, let us then go join our Acquaintances, and drink and drive Care away; may never a greater Misfortune attend an honest Man. Accordingly back to Dinner they went where a handsome Company had conven'd, from whom the Bridegroom, got 100 Marks, and all Charges defray'd: So that he went home at Night as well satisfied as he who got Madame.

Worcester, Dec. 1. Last Week a general privy Search being made by the Constables over this Country, by Order of the Justices, several Vagabonds were taken up; some whereof were committed to the House of Correction, and the rest sent away by Poles.

At the Close of the Audit last Week, the Rev. Dr. Worth, Archdeacon and Subdean of Worcester, was chosen Treasurer to the Dean and Chapter for the Year ensuing; and Mr. Hays, Organist of Salop, Organist of this Cathedral, in the room of Mr. Hoddinor, deceased.

Hops here, from 35 s. to 8 l. 5 s.

Bath, Dec. 7. The Publick may judge whether Mr. Jones's Veracity is entirely to be depended upon; for by the following Declaration it is manifest, that he has at different Times represented his Engagement with Mr. Pile in a very different Manner.

Bath City f. October 31, 1731.  
The Information of Robert Lee of Tisbury in the County of Oxon, Esq; taken on his Oath, viz.

THIS Informant saith, that about Eleven of the Clock this Morning, as he was at Mr. Sheyler's Coffee-house, Charles Jones, Gent.

came to this Informant, and desired to speak with him, and then told him that he was afraid he had killed one Mr. Bazil Pile, late of the City of Bristol, Merchant, and that the said Mr. Pile had shot at him first, and the Ball went just over one of his Shoulders.

ROBERT LEE.  
Jurat' apud Civit' Bathon' prad' coram me  
William Horton, Mayor.

Bristol, Dec. 8. This Day a Memorial, by way of Petition from the most eminent Inhabitants of this City, was presented to our Corporation in Common Council assembled, praying Leave, at their own Charge, to erect an Equestrian Statue in Brass, to the Memory of our great and glorious Deliverer, King WILLIAM, in any Place they should appoint: which was received, and agreed to Nem. Con. And in Aid to so considerable an Undertaking, a Sum of 500 l. was unanimously voted by the House towards it, and Queen's Square appointed the Place for its Erection.

Greenwich, December 9. Yesterday about Two o'Clock, his Serene Highness the Duke of Lorraine came here, attended by Count Kinski and several other Foreign Ministers and Nobility, and immediately went on board his Majesty's Yacht the Fubbs, Capt. Collier, where his Highness and the Company dined; and about 6 o'Clock, the Quality took their Leave of his Highness, and set out for London. His Highness was saluted with 17 Guns from the Fubbs' Yacht at his coming on board, and about Six o'Clock this Morning, the Fubbs' Yacht sailed from Greenwich with his Highness, as did the Mary Yacht also with his Highness's Baggage and Servants.

#### LONDON.

ON Tuesday Morning her Majesty, and the Three Eldest Princesses, accompanied by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and his Serene Highness the Duke of Lorraine, and several Persons of Distinction, took the Air in Kensington Gardens for about two Hours, and viewed the Lodgings of the Royal Palace and Gardens, with which his Serene Highness was very much pleased. His Serene Highness returned with the Prince of Wales to the Drawing Room at St. James's, where was a great Resort of the Nobility and Quality, who paid their Compliments to their Majesties on Account of the Birth Day of her Royal Highness the Princess Louisa, who enter'd into the 7th Year of her Age.

The same Night his Royal Highness the Duke gave a Ball in her Royal Highness the Princess Mary's Apartment, to several young Persons of the first Quality, on Account of the Birth Day of his Sister, the Princess Louisa, at which their Majesties were present; when his Royal Highness the Duke opened the Ball with her Royal Highness the Princess Mary, and afterwards danced with most of the Ladies present.

Robert Jacobbe, Esq; has resign'd his Place as Deputy Pay Master General of his Majesty's Forces; and is succeeded therein by Townsend Andrews, Esq;

On Thursday the Right Hon. the Earl of Effingham received at St. James's, his Golden Staff, as Deputy Earl Marshal of England.

On Wednesday the Sessions began at the Old Bailey, when one James Dalworth was capitally convicted for a Street Robbery. He was one of the Four that broke out of the Master's file of Newgate last Sunday was Forfeign.

The same Day one Thomas Ward was try'd for robbing one Mr. Richard Wayman, who was murder'd on the Road going to Kilburne; several Witnesses were examined, and after a Tryal which lasted two Hours, the Jury brought him in Guilty of a single Felony.

And on Thursday one Patrick Knowland was capitally convicted, for breaking open and robbing the House of Mr. Durham in Newgate Street.

His Son was tried with him for the said Felony, and acquitted.

The said Patrick Knowland's Wife and Daughter were tried for Felony; the Wife was acquitted, and the Daughter found Guilty.

John Taylor was tried on an Indictment for Counterfeiting the current Coin of this Kingdom, and acquitted.

James Berry and Joseph Paternoster were try'd for robbing his Majesty's Laundry at St. James's, and found Guilty to the Value of 4 s. 10 d. each.



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His Majesty has been pleased to order his *Compte d'Elire* to be sent to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St. Asaph, for their electing Thos. Tanner, Doctor in Divinity, to be Bishop of that See, void by the Translation of the Right Reverend Father in God Francis Lord Bishop thereof, to the See of Chichester.

His Majesty has likewise been pleased to issue his Letter Mandatory to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, London, for electing and admitting George L. Vinington, Bachelor of Law, and one of his Majesty's Chaplains in Ordinary, in the Place of Canon Resignatory of the said Church, vacant by the Death of Dr. William Standley.

Sir Charles Wager's Title, on his Promotion to the Peerage, will be from Orford; and Sir John Jennings's from the Medway.

Early on Tuesday Morning were taken at Ilford in Essex, three notorious Housebreakers and Robbers, who had infested that County almost every Night for four Months last past; they had with them a Horse heavily loaded; being carry'd before Thomas Pratt, Esq; one of them confess'd, that he with several others that live about St. Katharine's, kept what he call'd two Bomb Boats on the River; their Custom, he said, was to land about Barking Creek, at Ripple, and at several other Places on that Shore, in the Night-time, and to rob in that Neighbourhood; that in the Day-time they fraudulently dealt with the Seamen, to pilfer for them Corn, Coals, &c. out of the Barges and Lighters on the River; that they had hired several Yards and Stables, where they used to keep their Goods and also to fatten their Pigs and Poultry till they could dispose of them; that when they failed of their expected Purchase they kill'd Sheep in the Fields, and carry'd off the Carcasses, leaving the skins and Paunches behind: The Justice being desirous to know where he might find any of those skins and Paunches, he nam'd one particular Place, the Hollow of a great Tree; the Justice immediately sent a Person thither, who found in the Hollow of that Tree, a Skin and the Paunch of a Sheep. The Night they were taken up they had robb'd Farmer Lovell of Barking of thirteen live Fowls, three live Geese, a Waitcock and a Pair of Drawers; not content, they went to Mr. John Pearson's House near that Place, which they broke open, and took from thence six live Turkeys, several Fowls, three live Geese, three Ducks, a large Quantity of Sauces, White-puddings, two large Hams, and about one hundred and forty lb Weight of sliced Pork, and other Things: The poor Horse being over-loaded, fell down in Ilford Town, which gave Occasion to several Drovers that were passing by, to suspect and seize them; they are now in Chelmsford Gaol: The Person that confess'd mention'd several other Robbers, particularly breaking open and robbing the House of Mr. Thomas Smith, an Attorney at East Ham.

On Friday last Week, about two in the Afternoon, a Gentleman's Servant at Hendfield, going thro' the Broom Field near that Town, was attacked by a Foot Pad, who holding a Pistol to his Breast, demanded his Money; but he, instead of obeying it, called out aloud, *Jack, make haste up, or I shall be robbed*: The Rogue, frighten'd, imagining he called to some Companion within hearing, (tho' it was not the Case) ran from him into Mr. Wood's Nursery, whither he pursued him, and Assistance coming, he went up and bid him surrender; but the Rogue having placed his Back against a Holly Tree, flood off his Guard, and being press'd, he fired his Pistol at his Pursuer, lodged two or three Slugs in one of his Arms, and another grazed on his Side; when he was soon knocked down and seized: Being carried before Justice Bourn at Hendfield, he made his Mitimus to Newgate: He proved to be an Alehouse Keeper in or near Duck Lane, and impeach'd an Accomplice who lived at Clerkenwell; in quest of whom the wounded Man, after being dress'd at Mr. Wilson's the Surgeon's, immediately set out, found the impeach'd Person in his Bed, and secured him.

From Trowbridge we have an Account, that one William Hughes of Carmarthen-shire, Drovers, had his Pocket pick'd of 19 l. 10 s. his Silver Buckles, and other Things of Value, as he was in Bed at the Blue Boar in Frome, on Thursday the 25th inst, by one William Curtis; who is committed to Salisbury Gaol, 13 l. of the Money, and the Buckles being found upon him.

On Tuesday Robert Whiddah, a very handsome Black, and one Mrs. Johnson an Englishwoman, went to Doctor's Commons, and having took out a Licence were married at St. Bennet's Paul's Wharf; he was well dress'd in blue Clothes trimm'd with Gold; some say he is a great Officer in his own Country (Africa) belonging to the Prince of Paw-waw; the Bridegroom had a Black for his Brideman, and the Bride had a white Woman for her Maid; they afterwards dined at a Tavern by St. Paul's: We hear the Charges of this Person are bore by the Government.

Philip Lloyd Esq; who since his being chosen a Representative in Parliament for Aylesbury, was appointed Equerry to his Majesty, has a Commission given him for a Captain in Ker's Regiment of Dragoons.

On Thursday one Hahum was committed to Newgate by Justice Jones, being charged on the Oath of several Persons, for violently assaulting and beating his Wife in a most cruel and barbarous Manner, inasmuch that she fell out of a Window two Pair of Stairs, and died on the Spot.

On Wednesday Morning a Woman went to a Maid Servant that lived in Duke-street, St. Giles-fields, demanding some Money that she ow'd her; the Maid having nothing to pay, and fearing Trouble, threw herself into a House of Office and was smothered in the Soil.

Monday Morning about Three o'Clock, a Fire broke out at the House of Counsellor Webb in New North Street by Red Lion Square, which consumed the said House and Furniture in an Hour's Time; they only saved some Writings, and about 1500 Pounds worth of Plate was melted amongst the Rubbish.

#### BANKRUPTS since my last.

Edmund Antice, of Yeovil, in the County of Sumner, Linendrapers.—John Stiffed, Citizen and Wine Cooper of London.—Thomas Marley, of Rockfeath, in the County of Durham, Shipwright.—Christopher Wood, late of the Town and County of the Town of Nottingham, Mercer.

*Ecclesiastical Promotions.* His Majesty has been pleased to prefer: William Haisall, M. A. to the Vicarage of Wendron and Heliton in the County of Cornwall and Diocese of Exeter.

*Deaths.* Saturday.—Dunstan, Esq; was taken ill of a Quinsey, and the next Morning died of it at his Chambers, Numb. 3. in the King's Bench Walks.—Col. Bondington, Master of the City Militia, is dead.

#### Prices of Goods at Bear Key.

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Wheat.—18 to 24	Hog Pease 18 to 22
Rye.—12 to 13 6	Pease.—26 to 28
Bailey.—15 to 19	Fine Malt 18 to 25
Oats.—10 to 14 6	Brown Malt 18 to 21
Ho. Beans 18 to 25	Tares.—20 to 25
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